

Prohibited Items:

- Live Candles
- LED Lights
- Flags larger than 12"x18" inches
- Artificial flowers/plants
- Glass of any kind
- Fencing
- Trellis
- Shepherd's Hooks
- Crosses
- Statues
- Plaques
- Toys (excluding children's sections)
- Mulch, Wood Chips & Crushed Stone
- And other monumental and/or ornamental items

These items are prohibited because they interfere with the natural beauty and tradition of these shared spaces, are a safety risk to the staff and equipment that care for the grounds, and can be environmentally harmful.

Cemetery Visting Hours:

Daily, April 1–October 31
7:30 am–8 pm

Daily, November 1–March 30
8 am–5 pm

Office Hours:

Monday- Friday, 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Saturday, 9 am–12 pm



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Department of Environmental Services
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Regulations for Lot and Grave Plantings and Decorations





To Our Clients, Families & Visitors:

Our cemetery rules and regulations are designed for the protection, development and preservation of the natural beauty of the grounds. They are necessary to protect the safety, rights and privacy of all our lot holders, visitors and staff. We politely ask for your cooperation in preserving the beauty, tradition and dignity of Riverside and Mount Hope Cemeteries.

General Rules

- Only monuments, headstones and/or markers made of granite or bronze are permitted.
- Temporary grave markers will be removed 30 days after interment or sooner if they pose a safety hazard to cemetery maintenance staff and their equipment.
- The cemetery is not responsible for the loss or damage of items left in memorial.
- The cemetery reserves the right to manage the planting and removal of items as part of its annual maintenance and landscaping plans.

The adoption of these rules and regulations are in accordance with the Code of the City of Rochester 43-12.

Mausoleum Crypt & Columbarium Decorations

- No object of any kind may be affixed to the crypt or niche front, with the exception of a vase supplied by the cemetery.
- One vase is allowed per mausoleum crypt.
- Floral arrangements must not extend beyond the surface of the individual crypt or niche front.

Winter Decorations

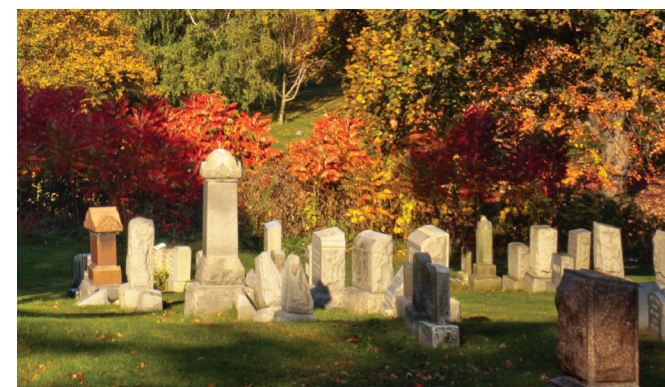
Natural or artificial wreaths should be placed on stands or easels and may be placed on graves from November 15 to March 1. Wreaths remaining after March 1 will be disposed of by the cemetery. We suggest wreaths not be hung on monuments since the metal frame may rust and stain headstones/markers.

Planting Regulations

Planting is limited to the front and sides of the headstone and should not exceed 12 inches

from the headstone/marker unless the arrangement overlaps onto a grave of the same family plot.

- No shrubbery, bushes or trees may be planted.
- No artificial flowers/plants or ornaments are allowed.
- Do not mow or use any power equipment
- No spading the surface, altering the grade or excavating of the earth.
- Do not apply any herbicides or pesticides
- Fresh flowers may be placed on graves or in **metal** or **bronze** vases.
- Please refrain from planting or leaving flower arrangements during the cemetery's spring maintenance period (March 1-April 15) as they will interfere with the growth of grass seed and maintenance equipment.



Please remove decorations that have become withered or unsightly. Flowers placed for a funeral will be removed by the cemetery on the day of interment. Should you wish to preserve some of the flowers or decorations, we ask that you do so at the time of the service.